

New Hampshire State Council on the Arts
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – January 28, 2019
DNCR Headquarters (Pembroke Rd.)

Arts Councilors Present - Chair Dr. Roger Brooks, Angela Brown*, Sara Germain, R.P. Hale, Mary McLaughlin, Elizabeth Morgan, Tim Sink, Jason Tors*, Peter Warburton, Sandhya Sridhar* * - *via Zoom*

Arts Councilors Absent - Vivian Beer, José Lezcano, William Stelling, Catherine Sununu, Leah Woods

Staff Present - Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) Commissioner Sarah Stewart; DNCR Arts Division: Ginnie Lupi, Director; Julianne Gadoury, Arts Education Coordinator (AE); Kayla Schweitzer, Heritage and Traditional Arts Coordinator (HTA); Lisa Burk-McCoy, Creative Communities & Arts in Health Coordinator (CC/AH); Emily Killinger, Visual Arts Associate (VAA)

Staff Absent - Cassandra Mason, Chief Grants Officer (CGO)

Motions (carried)

- Accept the *minutes* of the September 17, 2018 Council meeting
- Accept the memo of the November 19, 2018 electronic vote

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dr. Roger Brooks called the meeting of the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts to order at 9:36 a.m. on January 28, 2019.

II. MINUTES

Chair Brooks called for a motion to accept the minutes from the September 17, 2018, meeting. Councilor Mary McLaughlin moved to approve, seconded by Councilor R.P. Hale. The minutes from September 17, 2018 were unanimously approved.

III. MEMO

Chair Brooks called for a motion to accept the memo from the November 19, 2018 electronic vote (due to weather related cancelation of 11/19/2018 Council meeting). Councilor Sara Germain moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Mary McLaughlin. The memo from November 19, 2018 was unanimously approved, with one abstention.

IV. COUNCILOR ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

Director Ginnie Lupi presented a PowerPoint presentation which included an overview of the Council's history, programs, services and impact. Chair Brooks discussed what Councilors can do in their roles and encouraged all to volunteer to serve on a grants panel as a facilitator. Director Lupi added that Councilors need to see themselves as ambassadors for the arts by talking about NHSCA and the arts in NH at public meetings or boards on which they serve.

V. STAFF REPORTS

CC/AH Lisa Burk-McCoy shared a report of her activities since the last Council meeting. She stated that her biggest takeaway from the 2018 NASAA (National Assembly of State Arts Agencies) Assembly in Baltimore was the continued importance of telling our stories to enhance the emotional appeal; statistically, funding for the arts has decreased since the field has used a more quantitative reporting approach. Other items to note were a successful NH Creative Communities Network meeting focused on workforce development, and two convenings of a developing NH MakerSpace Network.

HTA Kayla Schweitzer shared a brief update of her work since the last Council meeting. She, along with CGO Cassie Mason, attended the NH Endowment for Health Race & Equity Workgroup, which will present their results at the

next statewide symposium in April. She also attended the Department of Education's (NHDOE) Social Studies Standards Strategic Leadership Team meetings and continued her work with the NH Commission on Native American Affairs. She is working on organizing traditional artist demonstrations at the [Discover WILD NH Day](#), hosted every year by the NH Department of Fish and Game. Kayla has been scheduling fieldwork interviews with current master/apprenticeship teams and continues to develop plans for cataloging and archiving documentation of traditional art forms. She also discussed professional development opportunities she was able to participate in. Finally, she handed out a copy of [Toward a Bright Future: A Look at the State of the Folk and Traditional Arts](#), an article written by Cliff Murphy of the NEA (National Endowment for the Arts).

AE Julianne Gadoury also shared a program report summarizing her work since the last Council meeting as well as activities planned for the coming months. She highlighted that staff has developed an internal work plan to assist in meeting the goals set forth in the new [NHSCA Strategic Plan](#), which includes her continued work on balancing the inequality of funding. AE Gadoury will be driving full steam ahead (pun intended) with Youth Arts Month (YAM) this March, where the focus will be "STEM is better with STEAM". She also provided a list of events Councilors can attend to show their support, including the upcoming Poetry Out Loud Semi-Final and Championship events.

VAA Emily Killinger handed out a [2-page summary](#) she created of the recently adopted NHSCA Strategic Plan.

VI. BUDGET PROCESS AND ADVOCACY DISCUSSION

Members of Arts4NH Board of Directors Miriam Carter, Nicki Clarke, Tom DeRosa and Amanda Nelson joined the Council for this part of the meeting. DNCR Commissioner Sarah Stewart stressed the importance of clearly justifying our Division's budget request. Councilors and the advocacy group need to hit the ground running, clearly articulating why this increase in funding is vital to the State of New Hampshire.

Discussion included identification of potential advocacy partners, legislative targets, and tasks going forward. A Joint Advocacy Committee was formed; representatives from NHSCA will include Director Lupi, Councilor Mary McLaughlin (who also serves as Chair of Arts4NH), Council Chair Roger Brooks, and Councilors Germain and Hale. The Committee will meet on February 6.

VII. COUNCIL ARTS ACTIVITIES ROUND ROBIN

Councilors reported on a wide variety of arts activities in which they are involved.

VIII. ADJOURN

- Motion to adjourn from the business meeting: Councilor R.P. Hale
- Second: Councilor Sara Germain
- Nays: None
- Recusals: None

Chair Brooks adjourned the meeting at 12:06 PM